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ASHLAND, Pa., Dec. 29.—Those law-breakers, the Molly Maguires, whose terrible and sanguinary outrages have rendered the coal regions of this state notorious, have seemingly determined to perpetrate still more atrocious crimes since the publication of Bishop Wood's edict excommunicating the brotherhood from the Catholic Church.

On Saturday morning last, between 1 and 3 o'clock, a band of Mollys, numbering between four and five hundred, held a secret meeting in Glover's Woods, near Shenandoah, which has always been the headquarters of numerous prominent bodies of the outlaws. It is supposed a campaign of lawlessness was determined upon, as a similar gathering of the desperadoes who infest the region was held at the same place just previous to the last reign of terror at Shenandoah and other places north of the Broad Mountains. Certain it is, that large bands of armed men are passing from one point to another in the middle coal fields, as well as in the adjoining mining districts of Northumberland, Columbia, and Luzerne counties.

Last night a portion of one of these bands murdered Thomas Shane, near Helfenstein. He was beaten to death with bludgeons. The murderers are reported to have been led on by Pat Heister, who has been known for many years as the "King of the Molly Maguires," and who openly boasts of having murdered eleven persons. The party came from and returned to Locust Gap, the headquarters of Heister and his gang.

Much excitement prevails in regard to the riotous demonstrations at the "Upper Shanties." All the inhabitants of the "patch" have been engaged in the lawlessness, and it is reported that several men and women have been severely, if not fatally wounded. The coal and iron police are upon the ground, and it is understood that about one-half of the rioters, men and women, are under arrest.

Yesterday morning Thomas Morgan, a miner in the Lykens mines, was murdered by Hampton Miller, at Wisconsin. The murderer, who is alleged to be a desperate Molly, is in jail. Just previous to the assassination the victim received the following coffin notice:

Mr. Thomas Morgan—Dear Sir: We would warn you to be careful. There is an organization in existence in Lykens, of which nobody outside of it knows of it, and owing to your having been in one of the member's way several times, it is resolved to put you out of the way, and I was appointed to do it, but I don't like the job, and beg of you to keep pretty close after dark so as to give me no chance, then we are both all right, so for God's sake keep out of my way for I must do it if there is any chance. Burn this so that no one sees it, or it is all up with me. A FRIEND.

The murder created the most profound sensation, and it was with great difficulty that the officers prevented Miller from being lynched by the infuriated people.

Just previous to the consummation of this crime another was committed between Tamaqua and Hazleton. Henry Russell was attacked by two men, bludgeoned to death, and then dragged to the side of the road and thrown into a ditch. The murderers escaped.

At and near Mount Carmel, where outrages are being perpetrated, a large number of special police are on duty, but they are apparently unable to check the outlawry. Several breakers have been fired by incendiaries, and it is feared other valuable ones will share the same fate, as threats have been made to that effect. The last breaker burned, located at the Palster vein colliery, was valued at \$20,000, and was owned by Cooper & Hewit of New York, who also owned and operated the colliery.

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